

- (1) A request that the member speaking yield for a question,
- (2) A point of order,
- (3) A parliamentary inquiry, or
- (4) A question of privilege.

RULE 8. Questions of Privilege. – Upon recognition by the Speaker for that purpose, any member may speak to a question of privilege for a time not to exceed three minutes. Questions of privilege shall be those affecting, first, the rights of the House collectively, its safety, dignity, and the integrity of its proceedings; second, the rights, reputation, and conduct of members, individually, in their representative capacity only; and shall have precedence over all other questions, except motions to adjourn. Privilege may not be used to explain a vote or debate a bill. The Speaker shall determine if the question is one of privilege and shall, without the point of order being raised, enforce this rule.

RULE 9. Points of Order. – (a) The Speaker shall decide questions of order and may speak to points of order in preference to other members arising from their seats for that purpose. Any member may appeal from the ruling of the chair on questions of order; on such appeal no member may speak more than once, unless by leave of the House. A two-thirds vote of the members present shall be necessary to sustain any appeal from the ruling of the chair.

(b) When the Speaker calls a member to order, the member shall be seated, except that a member called to order may clear a matter of fact, or explain, but shall not proceed in debate so long as the decision stands. If the member appeals from the ruling of the chair and the decision by a two-thirds vote of the members present be in favor of the member called to order, the member may proceed; if otherwise, the member shall not; and if the case, in the judgment of the House, requires it, the member shall be liable to censure by the House.

RULE 10. Limitations on Debate. – (a) No member shall speak on, debate, or solicit cosponsors for a bill or resolution at its first reading.

(b) No member shall speak more than twice on the main question nor longer than 20 minutes for the first speech and 10 minutes for the second speech; nor shall the member speak more than twice upon an amendment or motion to reconsider, re-refer, appeal, or postpone or any motion on concurrence, and then not longer than 10 minutes for the first speech and five minutes for the second speech.

(c) A member may speak only once and for not more than 20 minutes on the question of the adoption of a minority report.

(d) The House, by consent of a majority of the members present, may suspend the operation of subsections (b) and (c) of this rule during any debate on any particular question before the House.

RULE 11. Reading of Papers. – When there is a call for the reading of the text of a paper which has been presented to the House and there is